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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tiliks et al.

(Pub. No.: US 2003/0091172) into view of Tognazzini (US. Pat. #: 6,195,420).

Regarding claims 1 and 2, Tiliks et al. ("Tiliks") teaches a method for associating information with a call, the method comprising:

receiving a request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a first device (paragraph [0071]);

prompting, by sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter information (i.e., account code) to associate with the call (paragraphs [0074], [0076], etc.);

receiving, from the first device, a signal comprising such information (paragraphs [0074], [0076], [0082], etc.); and

associating the information with the call (paragraph [0078]).

It should be noticed that Tiliks further teaches the web client 30 to retrieve the information of call records of the recent calls stored from the SCP and SMS databases (see paragraphs [0091]-[0103]). Tiliks fails to clearly teach using a second device to transmit additional information, such as account code, so that a remote terminal, such as a server, can

receive such information. However, Tognazzini teaches a hotel check-out system comprising a table top customer unit or terminal, as shown in figure 1. The customer terminal is used to prepare the final hotel bill, authorize payments, etc. The terminal consists of a cabinet 100 which houses the internal components such as a personal computer with touch screen feature, and a telephone terminal. Tognazzini further teaches that when a customer has questions concerning about the final hotel check bill, he or she will call a hotel cashier via the telephone terminal and provides additional information to the cashier via the personal terminal (see col.6, lines 1-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of the second device for further input additional information so that such information is received from a remote terminal, as taught by Tognazzini into view of Tiliks in order to establish a voice communication between two parties.

Regarding claim 3, note paragraph [0081].

Regarding claim 4, note paragraphs [0071] and [0072].

Regarding claims 5-6, note paragraph [0078].

Regarding claims 7-8, note paragraph [0079].

Regarding claim 9, note paragraphs [0074], [0076], [0082], etc.

Regarding claims 10-11, note paragraph [0081].

Regarding claim 12, note paragraph [0082].

Regarding claim 13, note paragraph [0061].

Regarding claim 14, note paragraph [0066].

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 15-19 are allowed.

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tiliks et al. (Pub. No.: US 2006/0251227) is a continuation application of the Tiliks reference cited above.

Hou et al. (US. Pat. #: 5,325,421) teaches a method of transmitting account code from a caller upon a prompt request from a telecommunications service provider.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh K. Tieu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7510 and E-mail address: [BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV](mailto:BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (571) 272-7499 and **IF PAPER HAS BEEN MISSED FROM THIS OFFICIAL ACTION PACKAGE, PLEASE CALL CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THE SUBSTITUTIONS OR COPIES.**

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